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# EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1958

### TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1958.

The Report is prepared as indicated in Ministry of Health Circular No. 22/58 dated 9th December, 1958.

The Crude Death Rate is 13.76 as compared with 14.92 for 1957.

The Standardised Death Rate is 9.63 as compared with 11.7 for England and Wales. The Standardised Death Rate is obtained by the application of a "comparability factor" making allowance for the age and sex distribution of the district for comparison with England and Wales as a whole.

There was no Infantile Mortality in the district during 1958, which compares with 9.39 for the previous year and with 22.5 for England and Wales (there were two deaths of infants under one year in 1957).

The Birth Rate is 15.48 compared with 16.72 in 1957.

The Standardised Birth Rate is 15.01 compared with 16.4 for England and Wales.

There were no deaths amongst children under two years of age from enteritis and none from maternal causes.

There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough or Measles.

For the twelfth year in succession no case of diphtheria was notified.

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

### Housing.

#### SLUM CLEARANCE.

Under Section 1 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, local authorities were asked to carry out surveys of unfit dwellings in their areas, to submit returns showing the estimated number of such houses, and to make proposals for programmes of clearance extending over the five years beginning in January 1956 and ending in December 1960.

The programme submitted by this Council included 103 unfit houses to be dealt with during the five-year period. The following is a report of progress made up to 31st December, 1958.

1.	Number dealt with under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936 and Section 16, Housing Act, 1957	...	6
	under Section 25, Housing Act, 1936 and Section 42, Housing Act, 1957	...	58
2.	Houses in Council ownership declared unfit	...	15
3.	Houses known to be unfit but in respect of which statutory action has not yet been taken	...	24
4.	Houses in (1) subsequently made fit by their owners	...	4
5.	Number of families re-housed from unfit houses	...	18
6.	Number of families waiting to be re-housed	...	56

Progress in slum clearance is limited by the availability of re-housing accommodation; and new building is regulated by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, in consideration of the needs of the country as a whole.

A housing subsidy is payable for new houses in respect of families re-housed from slum property, allowing houses to be added to the pool at a reasonable rent. If progress is to be made in ridding the town of houses unfit for human habitation it is essential to take the fullest advantage of this subsidy while it is still available.

### **Council Housing.**

The following information is given by the Housing Manager, Miss O. Ponsford.

#### **COUNCIL PROPERTIES.**

During the year very little building has been carried out; but 3 flats being built in Lingfield Road will bring the total number of properties now under the Council's jurisdiction to 836. In addition there are 60 garages.

The accommodation comprises 25 bed/sitting room flatlets, 47 one-bedroom flats, 7 one-bedroom houses or flats, 477 three-bedroom and 23 four-bedroom houses.

There are also 46 cottage properties which have been purchased with slum clearance in view.

There is an increasing and serious problem of under-occupation of Council houses, in many of which there are now two spare bedrooms, families having grown up and left home. The future programme of building necessarily aims at providing smaller units of accommodation to which tenants can be transferred.

The future building programme includes 122 flats in Glen Vue and 15 flats in Imberhorne Lane and building will commence in 1959. The flats comprise 42 bed/sitting room, 26 one-bedroom, 38 two-bedroom, and 32 three-bedroom flats.

#### **REPAIRS AND DECORATIONS.**

During the year 1,058 orders for repairs to Council houses have been issued after inspection, and work has been carried out. The Council is responsible for all major repairs externally and internally. Tenants carry out minor repairs, *e.g.*, to door and window furniture, electric fuses, tap washers, repairs to electrical fittings, choked sink and bath wastes, etc. They are also responsible for the renewal of broken lavatory basins, sinks, gratings, W.C. pans and seats.

External decoration is carried out on a five-year cycle and houses and flats are decorated throughout internally on a ten-year cycle. Tenants may carry out additional decoration internally as desired.

#### **IMPROVEMENTS.**

No further improvements to Council houses have been carried out during this year but 146 properties have now been improved by the installation of hot water system, tiled surround and/or Ideal boiler, airing cupboard in the bedroom, washbasin in the bathroom. In 18 houses the back bedroom has been converted into a bathroom.

#### **THE COUNCIL'S WAITING LIST.**

During the year the number of applicants on the Waiting List increased from 234 to 244. On an average 70 new applications are received each year

but the number on the List remains fairly constant owing to removals from the district, to private houses, and to Council houses.

47 lettings were made, 27 vacancies having been filled by transfer, 8 from the Waiting List and 12 families were re-housed from unfit houses.

Applicants are selected by the appropriate Housing Committee. Selection is made through the Council's 'Points' Scheme which assesses housing 'need' such as overcrowding, family, lack of amenities, shared accommodation, etc.

All applicants are visited after a twelve-month waiting period and are revisited on every change of circumstances so that 'points' are awarded on known conditions.

### **Diphtheria Immunisation.**

The immunisation rate of all children in the district up to fifteen years of age is 92.32%; of the children attending school it is 98.17%.

### **Smallpox Vaccination.**

The numbers of vaccinations carried out at Clinics or reported by General Practitioners during the year were: under 1 year—189; 1 to 4 years—9; 5 to 14 years—1; 15 years and over—7; making a total of 206.

The number of re-vaccinations were: under 1 year—nil; 1 to 4 years—3; 5 to 14 years—23; 15 years and over—75; making a total of 101.

JOHN PETRIE,

*Medical Officer of Health.*



## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(For comparison the figures for 1957 are shown in brackets)

Area ... ..	6,587 acres	
Registrar General's Estimated Population ...	13,950	(13,340)
Density of Population per acre ... ..	2.1	(2.03)
Rateable Value ... ..	£250,425	(£239,176)
Sum represented by a 1d. rate ... ..	£1,005	(£969)
Birth Rate per 1,000 population ... ..	15.48	(16.72)
Standardised Birth Rate ... ..	15.01	(16.72)
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population ... ..	13.76	(14.92)
Standardised Death Rate ... ..	9.63	(10.44)
Infantile Mortality Rate ... ..	nil	(9.39)
Number of Inhabited Dwellings ... ..	4,486	(4,335)

### Births

LIVE BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate ... ..	118	89	207
Illegitimate ... ..	4	5	9
Total Live Births ... ..	<u>122</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>216</u>

Birth Rate per 1,000 population ... 15.48

Comparability Factor ... .. 0.97

Standardised Birth Rate ... .. 15.01

STILL BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate ... ..	1	3	4
Illegitimate ... ..	—	—	—
Total Still Births ... ..	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

Rate per 1,000 of the total births ... 18.52

### Deaths

Male	Female	Total
<u>95</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>192</u>

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population ... 13.76

Comparability Factor ... .. 0.7

Standardised Death Rate ... .. 9.63

### Infantile Mortality

Male	Female	Total
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Deaths of Infants under the age of 4 weeks ... ..

Deaths of Infants under the age of 1 year ... ..

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS ... Nil



# VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1943-1958

YEAR	Estim- ated Popu- lation	Number of Births						Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Death Rate	Infant's Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				M	F	Total		M	F	Total		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total										
1943	10,280	87	79	166	7	13	20	18.09	62	108	170	16.5	2	2	4	21.5	16
1944	9,648	68	81	149	15	14	29	18.44	73	74	147	15.23	2	3	5	28.09	31
1945	9,910	57	65	122	11	4	15	13.82	68	78	146	14.73	4	3	7	51.09	— 9
1946	10,580	88	94	182	7	5	12	18.34	59	56	115	10.87	6	2	8	41.24	79
1947	10,740	106	103	209	4	7	11	20.48	50	63	113	10.52	1	1	2	9.09	107
1948	10,840	69	84	153	7	4	11	15.13	53	62	115	10.61	—	3	3	18.29	49
1949	11,000	74	83	157	3	3	6	14.82	78	92	170	15.45	1	2	3	18.41	— 7
1950	11,060	78	81	159	6	5	11	15.37	68	59	127	11.84	2	1	3	17.65	43
1951	11,170	76	59	135	2	7	9	12.88	63	86	149	13.34	2	2	4	27.78	— 5
1952	11,310	63	59	122	2	3	5	11.23	65	67	132	11.67	3	—	3	23.62	— 5
1953	11,360	72	41	113	1	3	4	10.29	58	102	160	14.08	3	2	5	42.74	—43
1954	11,820	77	71	148	3	4	7	13.11	69	86	155	13.11	4	—	4	25.81	—
1955	12,220	60	80	140	3	—	3	11.7	77	86	163	13.34	3	—	3	20.98	—20
1956	12,760	91	83	174	2	1	3	13.87	87	104	191	14.91	1	3	4	22.6	—14
1957	13,340	108	100	208	3	2	5	16.72	93	106	199	14.92	1	1	2	9.39	14
1958	13,950	118	89	207	4	5	9	15.48	95	97	192	13.76	—	—	—	—	24

# CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT

							<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Tuberculosis, Other	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	10
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	16
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	14
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Other Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	30
Other Circulatory Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	2
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
All Other Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Homicide and Operations of War	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
ALL CAUSES	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	97

## MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUPS					MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
1—4	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
5—14	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
15—24	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
25—34	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
35—44	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
45—54	...	...	...	...	6	5	11
55—64	...	...	...	...	18	11	29
65—74	...	...	...	...	13	25	38
75 and over	...	...	...	...	56	53	109
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	95	97	192

## PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the  
year 1958

DISEASE	<i>Cases Notified</i>	<i>Cases to Hospital</i>	<i>Deaths</i>
Scarlet Fever ... ..	10	—	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	11	1	—
Measles ... ..	8	—	—
Pneumonia ... ..	—	—	—
Tuberculosis ... ..	2	—	1
Poliomyelitis ... ..	1	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	1	—	—
Dysentery ... ..	—	—	—
Erysipelas ... ..	—	—	—

## CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS

DISEASE	<i>Age Groups</i>									
	0	1	3	5	10	15	25	45	65	<i>Total</i>
Scarlet Fever ... ..	—	—	—	9	1	—	—	—	—	10
Whooping Cough ... ..	1	3	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	11
Measles ... ..	—	4	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	8
Pneumonia ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Poliomyelitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	1	7	5	15	1	1	1	2	—	33

## TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1958

AGE GROUPS				NEW CASES				DEATHS			
				<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non- Pulmonary</i>		<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non- Pulmonary</i>	
				<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
Under 1 year ... ..				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—4 ... ..				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14... ..				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24 ... ..				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34 ... ..				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44 ... ..				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54 ... ..				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64 ... ..				1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over ... ..				—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—

## TUBERCULOSIS

Summary of New Cases and Mortality during the Years 1943—1958

YEAR	NEW CASES					DEATHS				
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
1943	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1
1944	5	3	1	2	11	—	—	—	—	—
1945	3	3	2	1	9	1	1	1	—	3
1946	3	2	3	1	9	—	—	—	1	1
1947	1	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
1948	3	2	—	—	5	2	1	—	—	3
1949	4	2	—	—	6	2	1	—	—	3
1950	6	5	—	—	11	5	—	1	—	6
1951	12	5	—	—	17	—	—	1	—	1
1952	6	2	—	—	8	2	—	—	—	2
1953	3	4	—	—	7	—	1	—	—	1
1954	3	3	—	—	6	—	1	—	—	1
1955	2	4	1	1	8	1	—	—	—	1
1956	2	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
1957	6	5	—	2	13	3	—	1	1	5
1958	1	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	1

## IMMUNISATION

(Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough)

Summary of Immunisation in East Grinstead Urban District  
at 31st December, 1958

ALL CHILDREN, INCLUDING THOSE ATTENDING SCHOOL FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

	<i>On Register</i>	<i>No. Immunised</i>	
Under 1 Year ...	219	93	42.47%
1—4 Years ...	933	846	90.68%
5—15 Years ...	2227	2188	98.25%
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0—15 Years ...	3379	3127	92.54%
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### EAST GRINSTEAD CHILDREN ONLY

Under 1 Year ...	219	93	42.47%
1—4 Years ...	933	846	90.68%
5—15 Years ...	2130	2091	98.17%
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0—15 Years ...	3282	3030	92.32%
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The following number of children were immunised during the year :

Diphtheria ... ..	2
Diphtheria and Whooping Cough ... ..	18
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough ... ..	208
Boosting Doses ... ..	275

## CLEAN FOOD SUPERVISION

(1) Number of food premises in the area, by type of business :

Cafes ... ..	14	General Stores ... ..	24
Bakehouses ... ..	5	Public Houses ... ..	9
Hotels ... ..	4	Confectioners ... ..	23
Grocers ... ..	10	Greengrocers ... ..	12
Wine Merchants ... ..	5	Butchers ... ..	11
Corn Merchants ... ..	2	Chemists ... ..	7
Wayside Grocery Stores ... ..	2	Fishshops ... ..	6
Clubs ... ..	4	Dairies (Milk Depots) ... ..	3
Milk Shops ... ..	2		

(2) Number of food premises, by type, registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under local Acts, and the number of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 :

Sale of Ice Cream ... ..	51
Preparation of Sausages ... ..	9
Preparation of Potted Food ... ..	Nil
Preparation of Pressed Food ... ..	Nil
Preparation of Pickled Food ... ..	11
Preparation of Preserved Food including Fried Fish	4
Dairies ... ..	5

(3) Number of inspections of registered food premises... 215

## LABORATORY SERVICES

The services of the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (Telephone : Brighton 23506) are available to this Department, and to Medical Practitioners in the district for the investigation of infectious disease.

The Laboratory is in a position to accept work such as the bacteriological and biological examination of milk, water, ice-cream foods and pathological specimens. Laboratory investigations of outbreaks of communicable disease, including the detection and elimination of carriers and other reservoirs of infection, are also carried out.

Containers may be obtained from the Laboratory or from this Department and specimens may be sent to the Laboratory *via* the Southdown Bus Company. Collections are made at the Brighton terminus at 2.30 p.m., and 4.30 p.m. (except on Sundays; on Saturdays only one collection is made at 12.30 p.m.).

Specimens for the Bacteriologist may be left at the Public Health Department, East Court, before 1 p.m., and will be placed on a bus in time to reach Brighton for the 4.30 p.m. collection.

The Laboratory is open to receive urgent specimens between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Sundays, and in cases of extreme urgency during non-working hours, the Director of the Public Health Laboratory, Dr. J. E. Jameson, may be telephoned at Brighton 56960.

The following prophylactics are held at the Laboratory for issue free of charge to Medical Practitioners :

Vaccine Lymph,  
Adult serum for measles prophylaxis.

Other types of vaccines, anti-toxins, and serums are not held, but information regarding them may be obtained from the Director.

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## WATER SUPPLY

Water for the greater part of East Grinstead is supplied by the South Eastern Gas Board. A few houses on the northern boundary at Felbridge are supplied by the East Surrey Water Company.

The South Eastern Gas Board have deep wells at Hackenden and Forest Row, and an additional supply is obtained from the reservoir of the Weir Wood Water Board.

The raw water is aerated, subjected to sedimentation, mechanical filtration, automatic superchlorination, and finally before going into supply, to de-chlorination to give a free residual of 0.1 p.p.m. of chlorine. A consistently safe and palatable water supply is thus assured.

Samples of water from each supply are regularly submitted to the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene by the South Eastern Gas Board for chemical and bacteriological examination.

The reports on all samples submitted during the year have indicated that the quality of the water supply to the area has been of a high standard both chemically and bacteriologically.

It was not necessary to restrict the supply at any time throughout the year.

Approximately 4,425 dwelling houses have a piped water supply.

It is estimated that 12 premises are supplied by piped estate supplies and private wells.

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## HOUSING

### 1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	101
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	363
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	16
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	16
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	3
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	79

### 2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices :

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :		
(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957 :	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :	
(a)	By owners ... ..	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts :	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	1
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(a)	By owners ... ..	1
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 16 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957 :	
(1)	Number of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling houses unfit for habitation ... ..	1
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made... ..	2
(3)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..	2
(4)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted from owners, Section 16 (4) :	
(a)	To render the house fit for human habitation ...	Nil
(b)	As to usage other than for human habitation ...	1
(d)	Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 :	
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	Nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit ...	Nil
4. HOUSING ACT, 1957—Overcrowding.		
(a)	(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... ..	Nil
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... ..	Nil
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... ..	Nil
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ..	Nil
(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... ..	Nil
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ...	Nil
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for abatement for overcrowding ... ..	Nil
5. Number of New Houses erected during the year 1958 :		
(a)	State aided :	
	(i) By Local Authority ... ..	Nil
	(ii) By Private Enterprise (Public Utility Societies, etc.)	Nil
(b)	Without State aid ... ..	149



## HOUSING

The number of families housed by the Council during the year was 8, and at 31st December, 1958, the number of applicants on the Council's waiting list was 244, an increase of 10 on the previous year's total. One hundred and forty-nine houses were built by private builders.

### THE HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958 PART II - Sec. 30

The technical operation of the Improvements Grants scheme of the Housing Act remains delegated to this Department.

The following table summarises the work during the year.

	<i>Improvements</i>		<i>Conversions</i>	
	<i>Owner-Occupied</i>	<i>Tenanted</i>	<i>Owner-Occupied</i>	<i>Tenanted</i>
Enquiries made ... ..	17	1	3	10
Approval refused by Tenant ... ..	—	nil	—	nil
Applications not Approved by Council...	nil	nil	nil	2
Applications Approved but not proceeded with ... ..	nil	nil	nil	nil
Applications Approved and proceeded with ... ..	9	1	1	nil
Completed by 31/12/58 ... ..	8	1	1	nil
Total of Grants Approved and proceeded with ... ..	£1802	£307	£400	nil
Approved 1957 and Completed 1958...	7	1	nil	nil

The works carried out include :

Provision of damp-proof courses	...	...	...	...	4
„ „ electric light	...	...	...	2—extended	13
„ „ hot water for domestic purposes	...	...	...	...	16
„ „ internal water closet	...	...	...	...	16
„ „ bath in separate room	...	...	...	...	16
„ „ sink and suitable arrangements for disposal of waste water	...	...	...	...	8
„ „ proper drainage system	...	...	2—extended	...	13
„ „ adequate facilities for storing, preparing and cooking food	...	...	...	...	13
„ „ proper storage of food	...	...	...	...	8
„ „ additional natural lighting	...	...	...	...	11
„ „ approved grates	...	...	...	...	11

## RENT ACT, 1957

### Certificates of Disrepair

Number of applications during 1958	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of applications granted	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of applications refused	...	...	...	...	...	1
Undertakings given by landlords	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of certificates issued	...	...	...	...	...	7
Number of applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of objections by tenants to cancellation	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objections	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

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### AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service in East Grinstead is as follows :

Number of Ambulances	...	Two.
Ambulance Station	...	Phillips Garage, 219b London Road, East Grinstead.
Telephone Number	...	East Grinstead 488.
Area served	...	East Grinstead, Forest Row, Hartfield, West Hoathly, Turners Hill, Crawley Down.

A day and night service is available for the conveyance of patients from within the County of East Sussex, who are unfit to travel either by public transport or by car. Calls are accepted from doctors, midwives, and hospitals in the area. Cases of accident or sudden emergency are the only calls accepted from members of the public.

The ambulances are operated by the British Red Cross Society, by arrangement with the East Sussex County Council.

Cases of infectious disease are removed to isolation hospital in the above ambulances. After conveyance of infectious patients, the ambulances are disinfected before returning to normal service.

Patients able to travel by car are conveyed, on calls from doctors, midwives or hospitals, by the Hospital Car Service. Details of this service are given below.

## HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

Area Transport Officer	...	Miss K. V. Byrne, 11a High Street, East Grinstead.
Telephone Number	... ..	East Grinstead 1318.
Area served	... ..	East Grinstead Urban District, Uckfield Rural District, Cuckfield Rural District (Northern Half).
Office Hours	... ..	Mondays to Fridays inclusive : 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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## SANITARY SUPERVISION

### Housing Inspections

170	Inspections made under Housing Acts	...	...	...	222
166	Inspections made under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	141
167	Housing Act : Improvement Grants	...	...	...	240
8	Certificates of Disrepair	...	...	...	14

### Other Inspections

Nil	Dairies and Milkshops...	...	...	...	...	Nil
193	Meatshops and Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	201
69	Fishshops	...	...	...	...	42
Nil	Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	2
138	Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	132
Nil	Ice-cream Regulations	...	...	...	...	Nil
23	Public Houses and Hotels	...	...	...	...	49
230	Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	174
60	Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	...	95
37	Factory Acts (not included in other totals)	...	...	...	...	21
136	Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	33
5	Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	13
44	Smoke Observations	...	...	...	...	15
2	Pet Shops	...	...	...	...	23
2372	Inspections under Pest Destruction Acts	...	...	...	...	2507
65	Other Miscellaneous Inspections	...	...	...	...	63
51	Complaints	...	...	...	...	48

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## SUMMARY OF MAIN DEFECTS ABATED IN TERMS OF PREMISES

29	Drains amended and repaired	...	...	...	...	26
1	Water-closets repaired, lighted and ventilated	...	...	...	...	11
1	Water-closets provided	...	...	...	...	5
5	Flushing apparatus repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	8
10	Roofs repaired or renewed...	...	...	...	...	37
6	Eaves gutters and downspouts renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	41
10	Dampness <i>via</i> walls abated	...	...	...	...	37
3	House floors repaired	...	...	...	...	4
7	Chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	8

2	Fireplaces repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
3	Windows repaired or provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
3	Water supplies amended and provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
13	Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
1	Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
6	Cesspools emptied	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
3	Sewage disposal plants provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
3	Ditches cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
1	Sinks or wash basins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
1	Baths provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

## INSPECTION OF FOOD

During the year 426 visits were made to food premises, and below are details of the foodstuffs voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption :

### TINNED FOODSTUFFS—

Meat ... 32 tins

Fruit ... 10 tins

### OTHER—

Sausages ... 4 pkts.

Raisins ... 36 pkts.

Chickens ... 32

Peppermint lozenges 42 lbs.

Potatoes ... 178 lbs.

Honey Cake ... 8

FISH ... 14½ stones

Decomposition.

Escallops ... 3 doz.

Decomposition.

### MEAT :

Beef ... 89 lbs.

Bruised—soiled by rats.

Calf and Offal ... 1

Fibrinous pericarditis.

Mutton :

Livers ... 59

Fluke.

Pork ... 290½ lbs.

Tuberculosis, pneumonia,  
abscesses.

Head and Tongue ... 2

Tuberculosis.

Legs ... 2

Soiled by rats.

Sausages ... 6 lbs.

Soiled by rats.

Livers ... 20

Milk spot.

## MILK

The following dealers' licences authorising the use of special designations were in force during the year ended 31st December, 1958.

<i>Special Designation</i>	<i>No. of Licences</i>
Pasteurised ...	5
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) ...	7
Tuberculin Tested (Farm Bottled) ...	3

# CARCASSES OF ANIMALS INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	<i>Cattle ex Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number Killed... ..	nil	nil	87	400	680
Number inspected ... ..	nil	nil	87	400	680
All Diseases except Tuberculosis : Whole Carcase condemned ...	nil	nil	1	nil	nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	nil	nil	nil	39	23
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	nil	nil	1.15	9.75	3.38
Tuberculosis only : Whole carcasses condemned ...	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	nil	nil	nil	nil	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	nil	nil	nil	nil	1.03

## FACTORIES ACT, 1937

During the year 110 inspections were made under the Factories Act, 1937.

1. **INSPECTIONS** for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

<i>Premises</i>	<i>No. on Register</i>	<i>Inspec- tions</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>	<i>Occupiers Prosecuted</i>
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority ...	25	25	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	45	85	—	—
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out- workers premises) ... ..	nil	nil	—	—
TOTALS ... ..	70	110	—	—

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

PARTICULARS	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases where prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness... ..	1	1	—	1	—
Overcrowding ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of Floors ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:—					
(a) Insufficient ... ..	1	1	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or Defective ... ..	4	4	—	—	—
(c) Not Separate for Sexes ... ..	1	1	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-workers) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ... ..	7	7	—	2	—

## RODENT CONTROL

The Council employ one full-time Rodent Officer on Pest Destruction.

During the year 43 complaints were received. 2,313 visits under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, were made and 58 infestations created.

Regular inspections have been made at the sewage disposal works, Imberme Lane refuse tip, housing estates and other Council properties.

Infestation of 13 premises was found as a result of systematic surveys which are made throughout the district.

A 10% test of sewers was completed in March 1958 to the satisfaction of the Inspector from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

A nominal charge for rodent destruction is made to householders. Business premises are charged with the actual cost of treatment in accordance with the agreement between the Council and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. No charge is made for subsequent inspection to ensure that the premises remain free from rats.



## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This work is carried out by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

House refuse is collected weekly. Trade refuse is collected at the request of the trader concerned and charges at cost plus 15% are made.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping at Imberhorne Lane. Before being covered newly-tipped refuse is treated with gammexane insecticide to prevent breeding of flies.

Frequent inspections of the tips have been made to ascertain possible nuisance caused by rodents and flies.

## EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE CENTRES

The following table shows the clinics held at the East Sussex County Council's Welfare Centre, Moat View, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

### CLINICS

### DAYS AND TIMES

#### Dental

MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

UNDER 5 YEARS ... By appointment.

**Child Guidance** ... By appointment.

**Orthopaedic** ... Monday and Thursday mornings by appointment.

**Diphtheria Immunisation and Vaccination** ... 2nd Thursday each month—2.15 p.m.

**Poliomyelitis Vaccination**... Sessions by appointment.

#### Ante Natal

RELAXATION AND

MOTHERCRAFT CLASSES 1st and 3rd Tuesdays—2.15 p.m.

DISTRICT NURSES ... 4th Tuesdays—2.15 p.m.

CUCKFIELD HOSPITAL

PATIENTS ... 3rd Wednesday each month—2.15 p.m.

**Infant Welfare** ... Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)—2 to 4 p.m.

**Speech Therapy** ... Every Tuesday—by appointment.

**Chest Clinic** ... At Queen Victoria Hospital.  
Every Thursday—2 p.m.

The following Clinic is held at St. Dunstan's Hall, Maypole Road, Ashurst Wood :

#### Infant Welfare

WEIGHING SESSION ONLY ... 4th Tuesday every month—afternoons.